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SOURCE: Municipal District of Jatibonico (pop. 20,000)

1. This municipal district is located in the western part of Camaguey Province. Its economic life is dependent principally on the Jatibonico central, which produced 459,813 sacks of sugar, of 325 pounds each, during the last sugar harvest season. In addition, there are three large rice huskers, a tomato-canning factory, several tobacco factories, two shoe factories, and a plant where mosaics, roof tiles, and bricks are manufactured. Agriculturally, this section depends on sugar cane, tobacco, tomatoes for canning and export, cattle-raising, and dairy-farming.
2. Until 1949 the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) had 600 affiliates in this municipal district. However, according to the latest Party affiliations, the Communists now number 145, most of whom are employed at the Jatibonico central.
3. The president of the PSP municipal committee in Jatibonico is Miguel GARCIA Calero, former organizing secretary of the Sugar Workers' Union of Jatibonico central. He has also held other posts on the Executive Committee of this union, and in the elections held 24 February 1953 was a united-front candidate for the position of organizing secretary; however, he was defeated. He had been PSP city councilman in Jatibonico, but he was ousted from this post several months ago for refusing to swear allegiance to the Constitutional Statutes of BATISTA. He is employed at Jatibonico central and lives in the town of Jatibonico. He is considered to be a Party professional and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.

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4. Victor FAMADAS Perez, former secretary general of the Sugar Workers' Union of Jatibonico central, is a Communist, despite the fact that he appears on the records as an affiliate of the workers' bloc of the Partido de Accion Unitaria (PAU). An intelligent man, he was one of the leaders of this union when the Communists controlled Cuban labor. He is now maneuvering to regain leadership in the union, and during recent elections was a candidate for the post of vice-secretary-general. He has also been secretary-general of the Taxi Chauffeurs' Union in the municipality of Jatibonico, this being a Communist union. Some time ago he was the organizing secretary of the PSP Municipal Committee. He is employed as a superintendent in the machinery department of Jatibonico central, lives in the town of Jatibonico, and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.
5. Ambrosio QUESADA Zulueta, former finance secretary of the Sugar Workers' Union of Jatibonico central, during the elections held on 24 February 1953, was a candidate for the post of vice-secretary for accident prevention. He works in the machine-shop at Jatibonico central, resides at the mill, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
6. Rene MORALES Quintero, former vice organizing secretary of the Sugar Workers' Union of Jatibonico central, was a united-front candidate in the union elections held in February 1953 for the post of finance secretary. He is a locomotive machinist at Jatibonico central, resides at the mill, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
7. Ramon MARTINEZ Casanovas, formerly delegate to the directive body of the Jatibonico Sugar Workers' Union, also held the post of secretary of propaganda of the PSP Municipal Committee of Jatibonico, and in 1946 was PSP candidate for the city council of Jatibonico. In February 1953 he was a candidate for the post of discipline secretary of the above union on the united-front candidate list composed of Communists, members of the PAU, the Partido del Pueblo Cubano (PPC, Ortodoxo), and the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (PRC, Autentico). MARTINEZ is now a leader of the workers' bloc of the PAU, and is described as a very active and intelligent man. He is employed at the carpenter shop of Jatibonico central, lives in the town of Jatibonico, and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.
8. Pedro de la Caridad DELGADO Sanchez, former secretary-general of the Sugar Workers' Union at Jatibonico central, was a united-front candidate for this post in the 1953 elections. At present he is an affiliate of the PRC, despite the fact he is well known as an active Communist, a recent demonstration of this being the fact that he allowed his name to head the united-front list of candidates. He works in the oven department of Jatibonico central, lives at the mill, and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.
9. Jose GUTIERREZ Gonzalez, aka Talua, is organizing secretary of the Tourist and Transport Chauffeurs' Union of Jatibonico, having been elected to this post in the elections of 20 January 1953. He is propaganda secretary for the PSP municipal committee in Jatibonico and resides in that town. He is the only Communist leader on the Executive Committee of this union at the present time. GUTIERREZ is an active and fanatical Communist. In 1950 he was PSP candidate for the city council of Jatibonico, but was not elected. He owns a car and uses it as a taxi. He is of provincial-level importance.
10. Casimiro ROCHE is finance secretary of the PSP municipal committee of Jatibonico. He has been president of the Asociacion Campesina La Luz, affiliated with the Asociacion Campesina de Cuba, a Communist organization led by Romarico CORDERO. ROCHE is a small planter and has been struggling for the rights of the small planters, which has gained him much popularity, as a result of which he was candidate for president of the Delegation of Small Planters of Jatibonico central, which belongs to the Asociacion de Colonos of Cuba. ROCHE received 275 votes against 90 votes received by the wealthy small planters who opposed him, and was elected as president, one of the most important economic positions in the interior of Cuba. He lives at Finca La Luz, near the town of Jatibonico, and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.

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11. Maria MONTEJO, public school teacher and director of the Public School of Jatibonico, is an active Communist. Despite the fact that she is a woman of mature age, her Communist enthusiasm has not abated, and she is a leader of the Jatibonico municipal delegation of the Federacion Democratica de Mujeres Cubanas (FDMC, Communist Federation of Cuban Women), as well as of the PSP municipal committee of Jatibonico. She resides in Jatibonico and is of provincial-level importance to the Communists.
12. Maximo MARTINEZ Alvarez, former leader of the Sugar Workers' Union at Jatibonico central, is another Communist, despite the fact that he appears as a member of the workers' bloc of the PAU. He works in the bagasse department of Jatibonico central, lives at the mill, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
13. Juan MARTINEZ Garcia, worker in the bagasse department of Jatibonico central, is an active Communist, lives in Jatibonico, and is of municipal-level importance.
14. Hector GOMEZ Torres, former delegate to the directive body of the Sugar Workers' Union of the Jatibonico central, has long been a member of the PSP, although he now appears as a member of the workers' bloc of the PAU. He works in the bagasse department of Jatibonico central, lives at the mill, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
15. Jose del REY Sori, former recording secretary of the Jatibonico Sugar Workers' Union, a post which he held during the Communist control of Cuban labor, is president of the Comite de Lucha Unitario at Jatibonico central. He works in the oven department at Jatibonico, lives in Jatibonico, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
16. Ramon SOLER Rosas, former finance secretary of the Jatibonico Sugar Workers' Union, is a leader of the PSP municipal committee of Jatibonico. He works in the oven department at Jatibonico, lives at the mill, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.
17. Ambrosio QUESADA Diaz, former secretary of agrarian relations of the Jatibonico Sugar Workers' Union, is an active Communist who now appears as an affiliate of the PRC since 10 March 1953, on Party orders. He is a helper in the foundry at Jatibonico central, and is of municipal-level importance to the Communists.

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